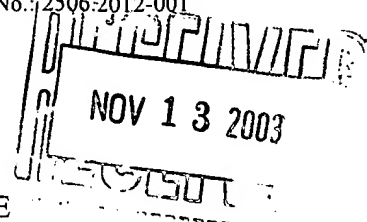


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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions to make the applications on Attachment A special as permitted under 37 CFR §1.102(c). The grounds and conditions for granting this application special status are found in M.P.E.P. § 708.02 IV entitled "Applicant's Age". One duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Marvin A. Leedom, one of the inventors, is over 65 years of age. Mr. Leedom's statement showing that he is over 65 years of age is enclosed.

Applicant respectfully requests that this Petition to Make Special be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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